

## Russian Defence Ministry reports on the progress of the special military operation (23 October 2024)

### Part I

The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue the special military operation.

■ **The Sever Group of Forces** in Kharkov direction engaged formations of AFU **57th** Motorised Infantry Brigade and **92nd** Air Assault Brigade near Liptsy, Kotovka, and Volchansk (Kharkov region).

The AFU losses amounted to up to **100** troops, **one** 152-mm **Msta-B** howitzer, **one** 122-mm **Gvozdika** self-propelled artillery system, and **one** 122-mm **D-30** howitzer.

■ **The Zapad Group of Forces** improved the tactical situation and inflicted losses on manpower and hardware of AFU **44th**, **60th** mechanised brigades, **74th**, **77th** airmobile brigades, **3rd** Assault Brigade, **125th** and **103rd** territorial defence brigades close to Boguslavka, Lozovaya, Zeleny Gai, Novoplatonovka, Podliman, Pershotravnevoe (Kharkov region), Terny (Donetsk People's Republic), and Chervonaya Dibrova (Lugansk People's Republic).

**Six** counter-attacks launched by units of AFU **14th**, **63rd** mechanised brigades, **1st** National Guards Brigade, and **119th** Territorial Defence Brigade were repelled.

The AFU losses amounted to more than **510** troops, **four** armoured fighting vehicles, **nine** motor vehicles, **one** 155-mm **Braveheart** self-propelled artillery system, **two** UK-made 105-mm **L-119** guns, **two** U.S.-made 155-mm **M198** howitzers, **one** 152-mm **D-20** self-propelled artillery system, **one** 122-mm **Gvozdika** self-propelled artillery system, **two** 122-mm **D-30** howitzers, **Anklav-N** and **Bukovel-AD** EW stations.

■ **The Yug Group of Forces** liberated Serebryanka (Donetsk People's Republic) as a result of the offensive actions.

Units of AFU **10th** Mountain Assault Brigade, **23rd**, **54th**, **60th** mechanised brigades, **5th** and **79th** air assault brigades, **81st** and **46th** airmobile brigades, and **37th** Marine Brigade were hit close to Semyonovka, Zvanovka, Vasyukovka, Seversk, Dachnoye, Slavyansk, Chasov Yar, and Kurakhovo (Donetsk People's Republic).

**Two** counter-attacks launched by formations of AFU **56th** Motorised Infantry Brigade were repelled.

The AFU losses amounted to more than **800** troops, **one** APC, **ten** motor vehicles, **two** Polish-made 155-mm **Krab** self-propelled artillery systems, **one** 152-mm **Msta-B** howitzer, **two** 152-mm **D-20** howitzers, **two** 122-mm **D-30** howitzers, and **one** U.S.-made 105-mm **M119** gun. **Two Anklav-N** EW stations and **five** field ammunition depots were eliminated.

■ **The Tsentr Group of Forces liberated Nikolayevka (Donetsk People's Republic) and continued advancing into the depths of the enemy's defence.**

Units of AFU **24th, 32nd** mechanised brigades, **38th** Marine Brigade, and **12th** National Guard Brigade were hit near Leninskoye, Dimitrov, Dzerzhinsk, Sukhoy Yar, Kurakhovka, and Shcherbinovka (Donetsk People's Republic).

**Thirteen** counter-attacks launched by units of AFU **23rd, 93rd, 100th** mechanised brigades, **68th, 152nd** jaeger brigades, **5th** Assault Brigade, **49th** and **425th** assault battalions, **37th** Marine Brigade, and Lyut Brigade of the National Police of Ukraine were repelled.

The AFU losses amounted to up to **450** troops, **two** infantry fighting vehicles, **one** U.S.-made **M113** APC, **seven** AFVs, including U.S.-made **Kozak** and **HMMWV**, **two** pickup trucks, **one** 152-mm **Msta-B** howitzer, **one** 152-mm **D-20** howitzer, **one** 122-mm **Gvozdika** self-propelled artillery system, **three** 122-mm D-30 howitzers, and one 100-mm Rapira anti-tank gun. One UAV depot was neutralised.

## Part 2

■ **The Vostok Group of Forces** improved the situation along the front line, inflicted losses on manpower and hardware of AFU **58th** Motorised Infantry Brigade, **72nd** Mechanised Brigade, **46th** Airmobile Brigade, **110th** and **113th** territorial defence brigades near Dobrovolye, Alekseyevka, Novoukrainka (Donetsk People's Republic), and Temirovka (Zaporozhye region).

The AFU losses amounted to up to **115** troops, **two** motor vehicles, **one** U.S.-made 155-mm **Paladin** self-propelled artillery system, **three** U.S.-made 155-mm **M777** howitzers, and **one** U.S.-made 155-mm **M198** howitzer.

■ **The Dnepr Group of Forces** inflicted fire damage on units of AFU **35th** Marine Brigade, **121st, 124th**, and **126th** territorial defence brigades close to Ponyatovka, Zolotaya Balka, Kamyshany (Kherson region), and Kherson.

The AFU losses amounted to up to **90** troops, **one** armoured fighting vehicle, **six** motor vehicles, **one** 152-mm **D-20** gun, and **one** U.S.-made 105-mm **M119** gun. **Two** ammunition depots were wiped out.

■ **Operational-Tactical Aviation, attack unmanned aerial vehicles, and Missile Troops and Artillery of the Russian Groups of Forces** have engaged the infrastructure of military airfields, fuel facilities, storage facilities for uncrewed surface vehicles, assembly facilities for unmanned aerial vehicles, clusters of enemy manpower and military hardware in **141** areas.

■ **The Black Sea Fleet's naval aircraft** have destroyed **four** AFU uncrewed surface vehicles in the north-western part of the Black Sea.

■ **Air defence facilities** shot down **14** U.S.-made **HIMARS** MLRS projectiles and **78** fixed-wing unmanned aerial vehicles.

■ **In total**, since the beginning of the special military operation, **646** aircraft, **283** helicopters, **34,173** unmanned aerial vehicles, **583** anti-aircraft missile systems, **18,769** tanks and other armoured fighting vehicles, **1,478** MLRS combat vehicles, **16,607** field artillery guns and mortars, and **27,497** units of support military vehicles have been neutralised.

## **AFU strongholds wiped out**

 A Su-34 aircraft **engaged AFU manpower and a stronghold** in border area of Kursk region.

Strikes were delivered by aerial bombs with unified gliding and correction modules.

<https://archive.org/details/su-34-october-23rd-2024>

## **Accurate strike of Gvozdika howitzer**

The Gvozdika self-propelled howitzers of the Sever Group of Forces foiled delivery of ammunition load and AFU military personnel in Kursk direction.

<https://archive.org/details/sever-group-gvozdika-howitzer-october-23rd-2024>

 **Russian Defence Minister Andrei Belousov arrives in Minsk on working visit to participate in meeting of Joint Collegium of defence ministries of Belarus and Russia**

During the meeting, the members of the Joint Collegium will discuss approaches to create a common defence space and ensure the military security of the Union State.

In addition, the parties will summarise the results of joint activities and discuss actions of bilateral military cooperation within the framework of the defence agencies for 2025.

 **Opening address by Russian Defence Minister at meeting of Joint Collegium of defence ministries of Belarus and Russia**

To begin with, I would like to thank the Belarusian party for its traditional welcome and hospitality.

Today we continue to actively strengthen the military cooperation of our countries. This is especially important amid overt pressure from the collective West and NATO hostile activity near the borders of the Union State.

This year, the NATO member states conducted a series of the largest exercises since the Cold War, to practise scenarios of a full-scale conflict with Russia and its allies. The coalition forces of the Alliance are being built up. Combat training and reconnaissance activities are also intensified.

The growing involvement of the West in the conflict in Ukraine creates global risks. The desire to inflict maximum damage on Russia can lead to direct military clash between the nuclear powers. We cannot but respond to these threats.

The changes in the military and political situation made it necessary to specify the basics of the State policy of the Russian Federation in the field of nuclear deterrence and to adjust them to the new reality. Among other things, it is possible to use nuclear weapons in response to the aggression against Belarus as a member of the Union State.

The Treaty between the Republic of Belarus and the Russian Federation on Military Security Guarantees and new Security Concept for Russia and Belarus are currently being completed.

We continue to form of a common defence space with Belarus. We are improving cooperation on the joint use of armed forces to ensure the military security of our union.

[https://archive.org/details/belarus-and-russia-joint-collegium-october-23rd-2024\\_202411](https://archive.org/details/belarus-and-russia-joint-collegium-october-23rd-2024_202411)

## **Russian Defence Minister addresses on results of meeting of Joint Collegium of defence ministries of Republic of Belarus and Russian Federation**

Esteemed colleagues!

Today's session takes important decisions on further improving the military organisation and enhancing defence capabilities of the Union of Russia and Belarus.

The 2025-2027 Military Security Plan of the Union State has been approved.

We will continue joint operational, combat, and mobilisation training, with a focus on the experience gained during the special military operation.

We will share best practice with Belarusian friends in the field of air defence, high-precision weapons, electronic warfare equipment, and robotic systems.

On a systematic basis, we will continue to examine NATO trophy hardware to identify its vulnerabilities and to consider these features in creating new weapons.

We intend to maintain high intensity of combat training. It will culminate in 2025 with the Zapad Joint Strategic Exercise. For the troops to practise their tasks, the scenario is based

on modern threats to Russia and Belarus as well as the emerging situation, to include in the special military operation zone.

And, of course, particular attention is paid to preparations for the key event of the upcoming year – the commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Victory over German fascism. This historical date unites the peoples of our countries and neighbours, who heroically fought hand in hand against the enemy. The commemoration programme will include large-scale events dedicated to the main landmarks of the Great Patriotic War.

Our common task is to preserve accurate information about the feats of Russian soldiers. We will continue to work together to counter the falsification of the history of World War II and the Great Patriotic War as well as attempts to underestimate the contribution of the Soviet Union and our peoples in defeating Nazi Germany.

Esteemed colleagues!

The results of today's meeting confirmed the indivisibility of our approaches to creating a common defence space and ensuring the military security of the Union State.

<https://archive.org/details/joint-collegium-2025-2027-military-security-plan>

#### **Russian Defence Ministry reports on repelling AFU attempt to invade Russian territory in Kursk region (23 October 2024)**

The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation continue the operation to neutralise an enemy group, which broke into the territory of Kursk region.

■ **The Sever Group of Forces** continued offensive actions and hit units of AFU **21st, 22nd, 41st, and 47th** mechanised brigades, **17th** Tank Brigade, **80th, 82nd, and 95th** Air Assault Brigades, **112th** and **129th** territorial defence brigades near Daryino, Zeleny Shlyakh, Nizhny Klin, Novoivanovka, Plyokhovo, and Sverdlikovo.

The Group's units repelled **two** enemy counter-attacks in the direction of Plekhovo and Pokrovsky, and thwarted **three** attempts of counter-attacks in the direction of Zeleny Shlyakh.

The AFU losses amounted to up to **40** troops killed and wounded, **one** tank, and **three** infantry fighting vehicles, to include **one** U.S.-made **Bradley** infantry fighting vehicle. **Three** AFU servicemen surrendered.

■ **Army aviation and artillery** inflicted losses on manpower and hardware clusters of AFU **21st, 22nd, 41st, 47th, 61st, and 115th** mechanised brigades, **17th** Tank Brigade, **82nd** and **95th** air assault brigades, **36th** Marine Brigade, **112th** and **129th** territorial defence brigades, and **17th** National Guard Brigade near Aleksandriya, Gogolevka, Guyevo, Daryino, Zeleny Shlyakh, Kositsa, Kruglenkoye, Lebedevka, Loknya, Martynovka, Makhnovka, Mirny, Nizhny Klin, Nikolayev-Daryino, Nikolsky, Novoivanovka, Novy Put,

Oleshnya, Plyokhovo, Rubanshchina, Sverdlikovo, Staraya Sorochina, and Cherkasskoye Porechnoye

■ **Operational-Tactical Aviation and Missile Troops** launched strikes in Sumy region at concentration areas and reserves of AFU **21st, 41st, 47th, and 115th** mechanised brigades, **17th** Tank Brigade, **82nd**, and **95th** air assault brigades, **1st** National Guard Brigade, and **103rd** Territorial Defence Brigade close to Vladimirovka, Iskriskovshchina, Miropolye, Nikolayevka, Obody, Pavlovka, Sumy, Khoten, and Yunakovka.

■ The AFU losses amounted to more than **280** troops, **13** armoured vehicles including **three** tanks, **three** infantry fighting vehicles, including **one** U.S.-made **Bradley** infantry fighting vehicle, **seven** armoured fighting vehicles, **three** artillery guns, **six** motor vehicles, and **one** electronic warfare station. **Three** AFU servicemen surrendered.

■ **Since the beginning of hostilities in Kursk region**, the enemy lost more than **25,943** servicemen, **175** tanks, **92** infantry fighting vehicles, **103** armoured personnel carriers, **989** armoured fighting vehicles, **681** motor vehicles, **224** artillery guns, **38** multiple rocket launchers, including **nine** of **HIMARS** and **six** of **MLRS** made by the U.S., **nine** anti-aircraft missile launchers, **five** transport and loading vehicles, **55** EW stations, **11** counter-battery warfare radars, **three** air defence radars, **22** pieces of engineering and other equipment, including **13** counterobstacle vehicles, **one** **UR-77** mine clearing vehicle, and **three** armoured recovery vehicles.

The operation to neutralise the AFU units is in progress.

### **Identify target, adjust fire, eliminate enemy**

*The Dnepr Group of Forces' 152-mm 2S19 Msta-S howitzer crews destroy armoured vehicles, fortified positions, and boats of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in Kherson direction.*

As a result of reconnaissance, an abandoned house with Ukrainian nationalists was detected. The Msta-S self-propelled howitzer crews **marched to the firing positions**. After performing guidance, servicemen **eliminated the stronghold with AFU manpower**.

<https://archive.org/details/dnepr-group-152mm-2-s-19-msta-s-october-23rd-2024>

**Minister of Defence of Russia congratulates command and personnel of 7th Guards Chistyakov Separate Motorised Rifle Brigade on liberation of Serebryanka (Donetsk People's Republic)**

'Since the first days of the special military operation, military servicemen of formations that have stood up for the protection of the Fatherland have been performing their military duty to protect the people and our country from neo-Nazism', said the Russian Defence Minister in his telegram.

**'The Brigade's personnel, multiplying the annals of valiant victories in the fight against the enemy, shows unprecedented courage, heroism, and selflessness, for which more than 3,000 servicemen have been awarded state decorations'**, said in congratulations of the head of the Russian Defence Ministry.

'The names of the guardsmen who gave their lives in the fight for Russia's national interests and security will forever remain in the memory of the people of our great country, as an example of the boundless love for the Motherland,' the Defence Minister stressed in the telegram.

**Andrei Belousov thanked the guardsmen for their commitment to the oath and successful performance of combat missions**, and expressed confidence that the resilience, perseverance and professionalism of the Brigade's personnel will ensure the security of the borders of the State.

 **'They didn't expect that they would have to abandon there' – Tsentr Group of Forces' servicemen told about liberation of Mikhaylovka**

The Russia troops entered the settlement by small groups **moving from shelter to shelter and using camouflaged dugouts in forest belts**.

 Unmanned aerial vehicles in cooperation with artillery crews, aviation, and other units **corrected actions of assault detachments**.

 **Powerful fire support for assault units** was provided by FPV drones which were striking the enemy out of fortifications.

**A large number of AFU manpower and military hardware including armoured infantry vehicles and Western-made armoured personnel carriers were destroyed** during the offensive.

'There are trenches, dugouts, communications trenches, fox holes in every belt. They didn't expect that they would have to abandon the area. Their dugouts were equipped quite firmly, two or three log rolls,' said the battalion's deputy commander on military-political work.

 **Brave and decisive actions of assault detachments, the skilful guidance of commanders of all levels as well as the effective use of various forces and means of destruction have made it possible to fulfil the combat mission and push the enemy out of Mikhaylovka.**

Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation Andrei Belousov congratulated **command and military personnel of the 15th Separate Guards Motor Rifle Alexandria Brigade** on liberating Mikhaylovka (Donetsk People's Republic) from enemy.

The head of the military department thanked the servicemen for their successful performance of combat tasks and loyalty to the military oath, expressed confidence that the soldiers would honourably continue to carry out all tasks assigned, and defend the national interests of the Russian Federation.

<https://archive.org/details/tsentr-group-liberation-of-mikhaylovka-october-23rd-2024>

### **Artillery gives AFU hell: D-30 howitzers eliminate concealed infantry units of AFU in Donetsk direction of special military operation**

While carrying out reconnaissance tasks in one of the areas, servicemen of the reconnaissance unit found camouflaged fortifications with AFU manpower. New targets were promptly transmitted to the Yug Group of Forces' D-30 crew. The AFU fortification and concealed infantry were eliminated by precise strikes.

<https://archive.org/details/yug-group-d-30-howitzer-october-23rd-2024>

 **A self-propelled artillery system of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, detected by reconnaissance units of the Sever Group of Forces, was successfully hit by a Lancet loitering munition in a border area of Kursk region.**

<https://archive.org/details/sever-group-lancet-action-october-23rd-2024>

### **Accurate strike of Inokhodets UAV**

*An AFU self-propelled artillery system was destroyed by an Inokhodets attack UAV in the border area of Kursk region.*

<https://archive.org/details/inokhodets-attack-uav-october-23rd-2024>

### **Assaultmen seize Dutch-made infantry fighting vehicle of AFU**

Assaultmen of the Tsentr Group of Forces' tank regiment, which perform combat missions in Krasnoarmeysk direction, **hit and seized a Dutch-made YPR-765 infantry fighting vehicle.**

*This vehicle, like the rest of the trophy vehicles, will be evacuated to the rear area for examination.*

<https://archive.org/details/tsentr-group-krasnoarmeysk-direction-october-23rd-2024>

🇷🇺 🇲ြ Warships of Russian Navy and Myanmar Navy start Marumex 2024 naval exercise in Andaman Sea

A detachment of the Pacific Fleet's ships comprising the corvettes Gromky, Rezky, Hero of the Russian Federation Aldar Tsydenzhapov and the medium sea tanker Pechenga left the port of Thilawa (Republic of the Union of Myanmar) for the Andaman Sea.

⚓ A day earlier, **the opening ceremony of a joint naval exercise involving ships of the Russian Navy and the Myanmar Navy called Marumex 2024 took place**. Also, the command staff of the ships of the two countries held coordination on practical actions of the joint forces at sea.

Within two days, Russian and Myanmar naval sailors will have to practice deployment, joint manoeuvring and organisation of communication. The crews will perform combat exercises within the framework of episodes on air and mine defence of a group of ships at sea, as well as on the release of a ship seized by suspected terrorists.

The Myanmar Navy is represented by the landing platform dock Moattama, the frigate Sin Phyu Shin, the corvette Tabinshwehti and one diesel-electric submarine.

**The main objective of the exercise is to comprehensively develop and strengthen naval cooperation between the countries, jointly counter global threats and ensure the safety of civilian shipping in the Asia-Pacific region.**

💥 **Msta-B howitzer crews of Airborne Troops wipe out cluster of AFU manpower in border area of Kursk region**

Reconnaissance units using UAVs detected one AFU stronghold with personnel equipped in one of the forest belts. The acquired intelligence was promptly transferred to the artillery command post. After receiving the target data, the airborne artillery precisely inflicted fire damage on the enemy to neutralise a cluster of AFU manpower.

<https://archive.org/details/airborne-msta-b-howitzer-october-23rd-2024>

镋 **Artillerymen reliably cover Russian troops**

**During combat duty, the Zapad Group of Forces' Tor-M2 SAM system crew destroyed one Ukrainian Leleka reconnaissance UAV.** The crew took a position and located the approaching enemy UAV by an all-round-looking radar at a distance of 6 km and launched the missile to destroy it.

💬 The deputy commander of the crew with the call sign 'Kuba' shared the details of the combat work.

## **Top News Today**

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